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Col. James O. Broadhead is out for Horatio Seymour. He believes that Seymour would carry Ohio as well as New York, and in fact every doubtful State in the country.

A household magazine says a little whisky and water will give a rich polish to furniture. It doesn't say how you apply it, but we suppose you rinse your mouth with the water, drink the whisky and rub the furniture with a duster.

There will be six eclipses next year, four of the sun and two of the moon. The total eclipse of the sun which takes place January 11th will be visible to the western portion of North America, and will be invisible east of a line passing through St. Joseph, Mo., and Baton Rouge, La.

Under the Revised Statutes which took effect Nov. 1st, 1879, suits may be brought before justices of the peace on any claim which does not exceed \$150. The summons must be served in all cases 10 days before trial day, and executions in all cases are returnable in 90 days. In these matters the practice before justices is made uniform and very much simplified.

The Columbia Herald is responsible for the following:

Speaking of fish stories, we heard a tough one a day or two since; a citizen who bought a large cat-fish, upon taking him home and dissecting him found in his stomach a black snake several feet in length. Another man caught a fish a few days ago inside of which was found a good-sized mackerel. Both stories are well vouched for.

St. Joseph Gazette: In the days of Jefferson, Jackson, Clay and Webster, men entered the public service rich and retired poor. Now the rule is to enter it poor and come out immensely wealthy. When the fact is considered that the salaries of government officials, as a general thing, are not more than sufficient to support them comfortably, and that the law emphatically prohibits them from embarking in commercial pursuits, the question naturally arises how they can get rich while performing their duties. Will some Republican explain the matter to the satisfaction of the people?

This is the way the Kansas City Times puts it: A wise man patronizes an established newspaper with a legitimate circulation. It gets into the home stead; it is read and re-read by all the family and then loaned to the neighbors; its influence is felt and its advertisers are heavily bitten by the same. A foolish man patronizes some irresponsible chap with a smooth tongue and a highly colored scheme, without any capital except his cast iron chest and stock of lies, and is swindled out of his money without one cent's worth of benefit.

Lexington correspondence to the Kansas City Times: Business is improving, confidence is being restored and real estate advancing. The general boom is here, and all look and feel better as to the general outlook than they have for years. From present indications it would seem as though the Lexington, Lake and Gulf railroad, graded from this place to some eight miles beyond Butler, in Bates county—objective point Nevada in Bates county—will soon be built, and that the Narrow Gauge railroad will fall into the hands of the Burlington and Southwestern, and that road reach Kansas City via Lexington and the road named it being changed to a broad gauge.

Anecdotes of Gen. J. Hooker are now coming to the front. At the battle of Resaca he was riding along the lines, with other general officers, during a temporary lull, when the enemy opened fire upon the party and all but Gen. Hooker and his orderly retreated. Gen. Hooker dismounted and taking his field glasses from the orderly examined the enemy's line of battle, after which he coolly remounted his horse and joined the party. His visitors asked him why he exposed himself so recklessly when there was no necessity. The General replied: "I do not think the bullet has ever been moulded that is to kill me, but if it has, it will hit me whether I am in front or behind a tree." That was Napoleon Bonaparte over again.

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Meteors.

Meteors are now generally admitted to be solid bodies which revolve in orbits of immense extent. There is no scarcity of them. Every twenty-four hours four hundred millions of them fall to our earth, and a still greater number fall to the sun. They vary in size from a pea to a large mass, and in density from mere gas to the heavy substance called meteoric iron or stone.

The greater number of meteors never seen. It is estimated that the earth is constantly growing in bulk and weight at the rate of 90,000 tons a year from the meteoric increment. Very few meteors reach the solid earth in their original form. They are first seen at a height of seventy miles above the earth and vanish at a point twenty miles above. It takes but an instance for them to traverse this fifty miles through our atmosphere, but in that brief moment they are completely transformed.

The friction caused by their passage through the atmosphere develops an intense heat, which converts the solid aerolite into flaming vapor, and the consumed body reaches the ground in the shape of imperceptible dust. It is only the unconsumed fragments that now and then come to the ground in the form of meteoric stones that are sometimes found.

Results of Stampeding Horses.

A Sunday School paper tell the following: "A certain man got mad at the editor and stopped his paper. The next week he sold all his corn at four cents below the market price; then his property was sold for taxes because he didn't pay the sheriff's sales; he lost \$10 betting on Modie McCarty ten days after Ten Broek had won the race; he was arrested and fined \$8 for going hunting on Sunday, simply because he didn't know it was Sunday, and he paid \$300 for a lot of forged notes that had been advertised two weeks and the public cautioned not to negotiate them. He then paid a big Irishman a sum like a derrick to kick him all the way to the newspaper office, where he paid four years' subscription in advance, and made the editor sign an agreement to knock him down and roll him if he ever ordered his paper stopped again."

Sedalia Democrat: The election of a Republican majority in both branches of the Ohio Legislature was a surprise to even the Republicans themselves. The secret has leaked out, and it is said that Jay Gould and the other managers of the Pacific railroads did the work. Senator Thurman had prepared a bill and had battened manfully for it for years to compel these roads to pay the government what was due. The bill passed Congress, and its constitutionality was decided by the United States Supreme Court but a few weeks ago. For his work in this matter Gould determined that Thurman should be defeated. He and his trusty agents into doubtful districts, well supplied with a smooth tongue and a highly colored scheme, without any capital except his cast iron chest and stock of lies, and is swindled out of his money without one cent's worth of benefit.

Prof. Swing remarks that it will be a great mistake and a great misfortune if the return of good times shall bring back the old fever for property and adventures which made mortgages among the most popular things of the day. "Mortgages," he adds, "are a pestilence, and debts are a regular cholera. Estates die under them. Charles sicken and have to be sat up with at night; individuals pine away, wives and children become disheartened in the mortal grave season, and the financial grave digger is busy day and night. Swamps and dirty houses were the black death of Europe, debts are the plague of America."

Sedalia Democrat: Of the seven candidates voted for on the State ticket by the Ohio Republicans, Hickenlooper, the Lieutenant Governor, received the smallest vote. He happened to be a Union soldier. Of the seven candidates voted for on the State ticket by the Ohio Democrats Ewing and Rice received the largest vote. They happened to be Union soldiers. Some how or other these two facts don't seem to bear out the theories of our esteemed Republican contemporaries concerning the overpowering love of the Republicans for the Union soldiers, and the unquenchable animosity of the Democrats toward them.

The Breckenridge Bulletin says: it is reliably reported that the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad will shortly build a line of road from Trenton to Kansas City, by way of the old Kansas City, by Chillicothe, thence down Grand River to Duan, and thence from there up across the southern part of this county, striking Polk, and thence direct to Kansas City.

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A New Weather Theory.

Rev. Henry Roe of England sends to the London Times a new theory of the weather. He claims to have determined by careful observations, covering nearly 30 years, that dry and wet periods succeed each other in alternate waves of nearly equal length. Not that this equality of duration is quite absolute, or that the wave of one period is exactly the same far, or that of a corresponding period at an earlier or a later time; but there is enough of regularity and uniformity about the waves to make the family likeness clearly discernible to any eye that looks for it. These periods extend over three whole years for each, and the following simple rules will enable any one to work out the several cycles of years for himself: 1. When the numbers representing any given year is even and exactly divisible by three, that year is the middle of three cold and wet summers, 2. When the number representing the year is odd and divisible by three, then that year is the middle one of a triad of dry and hot summers. After testing by these rules the successive seasons of the last 27 years and finding the fact to conform to the theory, Mr. Roe predicts that 1881 will be the middle one in a triad of hot and dry summers. What relations these dry and wet periods have (if any) to the recognized cycles of sun spots he has not made out; nor does any examination of recent seasons confirm the alleged harmony of theory with fact.

Better than gold to a man is a cheerful wife. But he must do his part towards making her cheerful. It is easy enough for a man to marry a happy woman. But the bridegroom, when she thought her happy, she would have contemplated the picture of a husband coming home gross as a bear, and going to bed without even speaking to her; she never thought of him coming home with a smile, and the long evenings when he wouldn't come at all; or his bringing some one home to dinner without warning or preparation; or his awful profanity over so trifling a matter as his little child of expenses. She had no idea, in fact, there could be anything but happiness in married life, and she had determined to be happy, and to distribute her happiness to those around her. It is not often her fault if she doesn't see it. Men, as a rule, do not exert themselves to secure their wives' happiness. They know that it requires a constant and a great effort to possess property, and be secure in its value, in the midst of constant commercial changes. The cheerfulness, the buoyant, hopeful character which every woman displays at the beginning of marriage is not so easily lost as a fortune; it requires but a small share. A word to the girls in this connection is in order, however, of the man who doesn't know enough about chearfulness to understand its value in daily life. Such a man would improve the first opportunity to grime the cheerfulness out of his home, to frighten a smile into a shadow, and then wonder what is the matter. Such is no better than no husband at all; and when you want a husband go and find somebody else—somebody who will give you at least some chance to be happy far into the life beyond the honeymoon.

Suggest Your Home Paper.

On the 16th inst., at a grange picnic at Bluff Grove, Carroll county, Geo. John Walker made a speech, in which he payed a glowing tribute to the press of the country. He said the press at first regarded the grange movement as a scheme to subdue and rule the professional class, but now all the country presses were with the farmers and grange. He advised farmers to support their papers, to discuss their wants in their columns, to secure the insurance and watch the building. On last Saturday night a man was seen in the attempt to set fire to the house, and being fired on by Mr. Sims, and his party was thought to be wounded, but effected his escape. Afterwards it was learned that a wounded man took the train at Kingsville, with a ticket for St. Louis. Ambrose Shirley and two brothers are under arrest in the hands of the citizens of the vicinity, and it was thought that the incendiary would be apprehended ere this time.

It is said to have been second growth of fruit of all varieties this fall than were ever gathered before at the same season.

Kansas City packed 132,000 hogs during the summer season, an increase of 30,000 over last year.

SELECT POETRY.

THE OLD WAYS AND THE NEW.

I've just come in from the meadow, where the grass is tall and green; I blushed out upon my face to see John's new machine; I made my old eyes snap again to see that mower now; And I heaved a sigh for the—*the I*—*saw* come twenty years ago; Many and many a day I've mowed, 'neath the rays of the sun—*the sun*; Till I thought my poor hand would break in my task for the day was done, I often think of the days of till in the fields all over the farm.

Till I feed the sweat on my wrinkled brow and the pain comes in my arm; It was hard work, it was slow work, a-swinging the old scythe then; Unlike the master that went thru' the grass-like death thru' the ranks of men I stood and looked till my old eyes ached, amazed at its speed and power; The work it took, one a day to do, is done in one short hour.

John said I hadn't seen the half; when he puts it into his wheat; I'd see it reap it, and take it and put it handles out;

Then soon a Yankee will come along and set to work to farm; To reap and thresh it, and bag it up and send it into the barn,

John kinder laughed when he said it; but I told to the hired man,

"I've seen so much in my pilgrimage thru' my thirty-six years and ten; That I wouldn't be surprised to see a railroad in the air;"

Or a Yankee in a flying ship a-going anywhere.

There's a difference in the new I than the old; and the work my boy do do;

Steady and slow in the good old way,

But somehow I think there was happiness crowded into those toiling days.

The last young man's the person won't see till they meet their ways;

To think that I should live to see work done in this wonderful way!

Old tools are little service now, and farming is almost play;

The women have got *toot-sew* machines; their wringers and every thing;

And now play croquet in the doorway, or sit in the parlor and sing;

They'll say that but it so easy, when in the day so long gone by;

You rip up early and set up late, laboring for you and I;

There were cows to milk that was but,

ter to make and many a day you stand;

As was his my toilet-table garments,

and wringing them by hand;

Ah, well, our children will never see the hard work we had;

For the heavy task and the long tasks is done with a machine.

No longer the noise of the scythe the mower—there, I hear it air;

A rattling along through the tall short grass with the noise of a railroad car;

Well, the old tools now are shoved away; they stand a gathering' rust;

Like many an old man I've seen pass aside with only a crutch;

When the eyes grow dim, when the step is weak, when the strength gives out of life;

The best thing a poor old man can do is to hold the dead of the farm;

There's one old way that they can't improve, although it has been tried;

By men who have studied and studied and worried till they died;

It has shown undimmed to us like gold refined from its dross—

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